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Meeting Minutes 02/15/2006

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 2/15/06

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCourcey*	Connors	Simmons*	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning	Carman*	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS:

MINUTES of 2/13/06 meeting were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

BUD 1 FINCOM: GenGovt SubCom (Howard) Explained & recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$10,443. Unanimous.

BUD 24 RESERVE FUND: Voted \$350,000 as printed. No change from last year. VOTED \$350,000. Unanimous.

BUD 3 TOWN MANAGER GenGovt SubCom (Howard) Explained & recommended the budget as printed. After discussion of Manager's salary, Howard asked to obtain copy of Manager's contract. VOTED \$402,703. Unanimous.

BUD 9 LEGAL: GenGovt SubCom (Howard) Explained the budget as printed. Both the Workmans Compensation and the Legal Expense line items will be over budget in FY06. A transfer request is expected & the Chair w/ support of the committee encumbered \$160,000 from the Reserve Fund. In view of expected continued legal expense in FY07 and continued higher cost of WC, the FinCom asked Howard to invite Maher & Marlenga to the next meeting for more explanations.

DART 60 RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND: Hearing on 2/6. Vote tabled until Finances SubCom reports.

DART 58, 25 & Exercise Program. These COA articles were discussed then tabled pending a report from the HumSer SubCom. Most members believe the Sevoyan Trust should be applied to these programs before tax funds are spent. There is also sentiment that grant funding should be more vigorously pursued.

DART 60 200th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Request for \$50k considered excessive. After some discussion, VOTED \$1000 seed money to be refunded at the end of the celebration. 10-2. A substitute motion to delay action until the end of the budget preparation was defeated 4-8.

DART 29 SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX DEFFERALS: Tabled pending satisfactory action by BOS. Unanimous.

DART 15 ASSESSORS REPORT: Hearing held 2/13. VOTED no report. Unanimous.

DART 12 HEALTH CARE RESERVE FUND: Hearing held 2/13. VOTED no report. Unanimous.

ART 34 COMPREHENSIVE FIRE STATION REBUILDING PLAN: Hearing held 2/13. Tabled until Capital Planning reports on a related proposal.

ART 35 SERVICES TO NON PROFITS: Hearing held 2/13. VOTED no report. Unanimous.

ART 13 RECYLING BYLAW AMENDMENT: Hearing held 2/13. VOTED no report. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Kneeland to tell Bilafer about votes on Retirement Board articles. Next mtg Wednesday 2/22. Town Manager is scheduled for 3/22. Fanning to reschedule School Committee to 3/20.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: $\$248,590.66 - \$160,000 = \$88,590.66$ (\$248,590.66)

Peter B Howard Secretary 2/16/06 Revised 2/23/06

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